artdaq - Support #23918

Investigate CPU usage of DataLogger process at SBN

01/17/2020 07:44 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

Status: Closed Start date: 01/17/2020

Priority: Normal Due date:

Assignee: Eric Flumerfelt % Done: 0%

Category: Estimated time: 0.00 hour

Target version: artdaq-core v3 05 10

Experiment: - Co-Assignees:

Description

Wes has mentioned a few times that the ICARUS DAQ appears to be limited by the DataLogger, to the point where they have added additional DataLoggers to handle the load. I have done some perf and callgrind-based profiling of an artdaqDriver job using similar Fragment sizes and the RootDAQOut module to try and identify places where there is too much CPU usage.

I did find a few minor performance improvements, but the bulk of the art process time (>90%) was spent in ROOT libraries involved in writing data (i.e. WriteFastArray).

I still intend to collect perf recordings of processes in situ at ICARUS, just to make sure there isn't anything specific to their environment.

Related issues:

Related to artdag - Support #23839: Remove metric aggregation from SharedMemo... Closed 01/07/2020

History

#1 - 01/17/2020 07:48 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

artdaq-core:feature/23918_SMM_ImproveBufferReportPerformance improves the performance of retrieving the buffer status report, which is called in SMEM::check_pending_buffers.

#2 - 01/17/2020 08:33 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

artdaq-utilities:feature/23918_MetricPerformanceImprovements further reduces the burden of the metric subsystem on the thread generating the metrics, at a minor expense to the metric-sending thread within MetricManager. Total work done remains constant.

#3 - 01/17/2020 09:16 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

For comparison, here is the Metric Sending rate test from MetricManager_t

With change in this issue:

01-17 09:00:29.001114	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Metric: 6.925e-06 s.
01-17 09:00:29.001157	MetricManager_t nfo Time for Ten Metrics: 3.0576e-05 s.
01-17 09:00:29.001162	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Hundred Metrics: 9.7372e-05 s.
01-17 09:00:29.001168	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Thousand Metrics: 0.000704977 s.
01-17 09:00:29.001173	MetricManager_t nfo Time for Ten Thousand Metrics: 0.00658637 s.

Without change in this issue (i.e. artdaq_utilities v1_05_03):

01-17 09:10:03.204633	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Metric: 9.59/e-06 s.
01-17 09:10:03.204690	MetricManager_t nfo Time for Ten Metrics: 1.5383e-05 s.
01-17 09:10:03.204695	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Hundred Metrics: 0.000130032 s.
01-17 09:10:03.204701	MetricManager_t nfo Time for One Thousand Metrics: 0.00104086 s.
01-17 09:10:03.204706	MetricManager_t nfo Time for Ten Thousand Metrics: 0.00900333 s.

#4 - 01/27/2020 10:03 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

- Related to Support #23839: Remove metric aggregation from SharedMemoryEventManager added

#5 - 01/27/2020 10:05 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

- Status changed from New to Resolved

#6 - 01/30/2020 01:51 PM - Ron Rechenmacher

- Status changed from Resolved to Reviewed

ran demo in several configs, noting throughput/CPU.

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For example, with 2 BR's generating approx 1 MB fragments at 50 Hz gives 100 MB/s at data logger using approx. 73% CPU (data logger art writing to /dev/null) on mu2edaq13.

```
max_fragment_size_bytes: 1001024
    generator: ToySimulator
fragment_type: TOY2
fragment_id: 1
board_id: 1
starting_fragment_id: 1
random_seed: 2899
sleep_on_stop_us: 500000
nADCcounts: 500000 # approx. 1 MB
throttle_usecs:0 usecs_between_sends:20000
distribution_type: 4
```

No Datalogger nor EventBuilder CheckIntegrity. Also, no EventBuilder prescaling.

#7 - 02/20/2020 11:45 AM - Eric Flumerfelt

- Target version set to artdaq-core v3_05_10
- Status changed from Reviewed to Closed

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